

Preliminary Amendment in the claims

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to calculation of the National Stage fees, please amend claim 5 and add claim 6, as follows:

1 1. (Original) A helical implant formed with threads thereon, wherein each of the threads
2 has thread inclines comprising one or more recesses.

1 2. (Original) The helical implant as set forth in claim 1, wherein the recesses have a
2 polygonal cross-section opened at one side thereof.

1 3. (Original) A helical implant formed with threads thereon, wherein each of the threads
2 has thread inclines comprising one or more recesses and protrusions.

1 4. (Original) The helical implant as set forth in claim 3, wherein both the recesses and
2 protrusions have an arcuate cross section of identical curvature and length.

1 5. (Currently Amended) The helical implant as set forth in claim 2-or-4, wherein the
2 recesses have a cross sectional area of 150 μm .

1 6. (New) The helical implant as set forth in claim 4, wherein the recesses have a cross
2 sectional area of 150 μm .